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June 25, 1987

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Ray Williamson of Lynchburg said you might be kind enough to refer me to a bibliographic listing of Heath's Counterfeit Detectors. I need particularly data on what plates should be in a particular issue. I tracked down one reference book ca 1940 but it had only author, title and date; no plate information.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully,

MEMBER ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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6/30/87

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Dear Mr. Presgraves:

Your note of June 15, 1987 can be answered by saying I am writing a bibliographic study of Health Detectors. So far as I know there is none. I suggest you send me a photocopy of your title page + verso and I will try to give you the answer. Otherwise copy the text of the title page + verso for me. Also the number of numbered pages.

What is the reference book circa 1940 which you found? I would be interested in knowing.

Sincerely,

Eric Newman



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December 22, 1987

Eric P. Newman Numismatic
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Dear Mr. Newman:

I hope your patient prodding proves profitable. I bought these 20 years ago and frankly the romance has worn off. I count a total of 32 items. Each one has a white card that describes in the upper left corner the drake number, top center the number of leaves required, below which is listed the number of known copies; below these two figures is listed the number of leaves present. Material in the upper right quadrant refers to prospects for sale.

These almanacs have never been offered for sale; they came to me as a bloc from the executor of a noted coin collector (ca. 1960), Roanoke, VA. Incidentally, the price should be in the bottom right hand corner of the card.

Respectfully,


James S. Presgraves

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Enclosures

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1/19/88

Dear Mr. Presgraves:

My wife & I went to see relatives in Ecuador and among the mound of mail your package was a pleasant one. The group of almanacs you sent (dating from 1745 to 1797) was a pleasure to examine. I found that many did not have my pet subject matter in them and I had already acquired others from Hardiner, etc. Thus I am taking 4 and returning 28. I wish I could have found more I could use. The four are Ames 1762 @ \$35; Weatherinase 1786 @ \$25; Freebeller 1789 @ \$25; and Freebeller 1790 @ \$25. — total \$110 which is enclosed.

I find that the rarity indicated is rather inaccurate as I even have a duplicate of what is said to be 12 known by Drake.

I realize this group is only a small part of what you have and hope you will send another batch. I suggest you send others of the same date period but extend it up to 1815. I am quite hopeful the area of publication will extend outside New England as well in the next assortment. You said you had about 600.

If you wish me to send ^{some} to a friend or so of mine I will gladly do it, but this is just a courtesy on my part to them to help their literature collections. Let's see how much more I can buy from you.

The shekel on one you sent is just a decoration and thus ought to appeal to the Jewish Museum in N.Y. or the collectors of that field.

Thank you for complying with my gentle prodding which I hope will no longer be necessary. I may write an article on the content of almanacs if my thoughts arise at the need for a small area of content to be covered.

My kindest regards,

P.S. You said you had some sheet music with money illustrations or titles. Please advise.

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James Presgrave
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Dear Dealer:

Either the mails lost the
almanacs you were going to send
me or you lost my address.

In either case would you
take care of the matter at your
early convenience.

Thanks.

Eric P. Newman



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Jim Presgraves, Prop.

January 27, 1988

Eric P. Newman Numismatic
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Dear Mr. Newman:

The balance of the almanacs arrived last Friday. I must tell you that masking tape did not hold; the box was broken open; and only good luck in the interior plastic wrap kept it from being spread through Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia. Also, we find it advisable to insert a to and from slip inside the interior wrapping to prevent just such a happening.

I do have more almanacs and will quote them. I have three shows between now and March 15, and I do not expect to get to them before that.

With cordial best wishes,

Jim Presgraves

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